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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Walter Reed Army Medical Center continues to be overwhelmed from the tens of thousands of Americans showing their support to our Wounded Warriors here in the form of cards, letters, care packages and more. However, this patriotic level of support has not only heightened security concerns but has also increased administrative burden, drained resources and limited other functions. Therefore, the medical center is phasing out its ‘To Any Wounded Soldier’ mail program. It is instituting a more effective alternative for such American generosity.

Whether individuals or groups want to send a care package to a soldier, donate airline miles to help reunite returning military men and women with their families, support scholarship funds or send support to wounded service members, the organizations listed below that are dedicated to helping soldiers and their families.

<http://www.americasupportsyou.mil>
http://www.defendamerica.mil/support_troops.html
http://www.usocares.org/src/uso_donate.htm
<http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/tooursoldiers/>
<http://www.redcross.org>

For individuals without computer access, the local National Guard or military reserve unit may offer the best alternative to mailing packages to Walter Reed. In order to phase out the ‘To Any Wounded Soldier’ mail program and promote this more effective alternative, notifications are being sent to civic groups, news media outlets and community leaders.

“Our patients, military and civilian staff members and hospital leaders appreciate everything the general public has done to support our Soldiers,” said Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman, commanding general of Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command. “This generosity is truly the embodiment of the American spirit.”

Walter Reed has treated 5,400 patients from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom since the Global War on Terror began, 1,730 of whom have been battle casualties.

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